

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical head 2 and a matrix circuit 3 cooperate, generating a signal from the light reflected from an optical disk 1. An evaluation-function generating circuit 5 generates an evaluation function from the signal reproduced from the optical disk 1. A controller 6 sets an initial focus value at a point where the evaluation function is minimal. The initial focus value is set in a servo circuit 7. The controller 6 sets an observation point deviating from the point at which it has set the initial focus value. The controller 6 corrects the initial focus value set in the servo circuit 7.

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